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FAILURE OF MDA SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government is aware of the fact that the Market Development Assistance(MDA), a new scheme introduced after abolishing the time tested rebate scheme in the Coir Industry, has failed;

(b): whether the Kerala Government has expressed dissatisfaction about the MDA scheme;

(c): whether there are arrears to be paid to Kerala Government by the Centre as a result of implementation of MDA scheme;

(d): if so, the details thereof;

(e): whether the Government proposes to enhance the corpus of MDA; and

(f): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): It is not that the Market Development Assistance (MDA) scheme for coir and coir products has been unsuccessful. However, the Government of Kerala has written to the Central Government regarding inadequacy of central grants released to that State Government under this MDA scheme.

(c)&(d): The details of the Central grants under the MDA Scheme for coir and coir products due for release to the Government of Kerala are as follows:

Central grants under the MDA Scheme to be released to the Government of Kerala

(Rs. lakh)

Year	Amount of claim of State Government	Amount of Central Grant Released	Balance Amount (col.2 - col.3)
(1)	(2)	(2)	(4)
2000-01	89.35	84.00	5.35
2001-02	366.79	106.00	260.79
2002-03	308.56	110.10	198.46
2003-04	157.65	105.00	52.65
Total	-	-	517.25

(e)&(f): The disbursement of the Central share of grants under the MDA scheme for coir and coir products to all State Governments concerned, including Kerala is based on the total Central Plan grants available each year for this purpose. The release of grants to States under the MDA Scheme is thus restricted to the budgetary plan resources actually allocated during each year.